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SUBJECT: R/V MELVILLE MARINE RESEARCH CLEARANCE REQUEST, FILE NO. 2006-083

REF: A.) WELLINGTON 686; B.) STATE 139490

Embassy is in receipt of a Diplomatic Note dated November 20, 2006 from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) granting clearance for the R/V Melville. Begin text of the note:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's letter of 30 August 2006 and the attached completed application form requesting permission for the R/V Melville, a United States scientific research vessel, to conduct marine scientific research in the exclusive economic zone and territorial waters of New Zealand from 8 February 2007 - 13 March 2007 inclusive.

The Embassy's letter further requested approval from the New Zealand Government for the vessel R/V Melville to call at the Port of Wellington for three days from 6 to 8 February 2007 and sought permission for the crew to disembark.

The Ministry is pleased to advise that approval has been given for the R/V Melville to undertake scientific research as described in the application subject to the conditions specified below.

The Ministry is further pleased to advise that approval has been given for the R/V Melville to call at the Port of Wellington and for the crew to disembark.

The Ministry notes that this approval is subject to the following conditions being met:

11. The following notifications will be provided to the Fisheries Communication Centre (FCC):

(i) 24 hours prior notice of entry of the vessel to the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone (NZEEZ), including date and estimated time of arrival and position of entry to the nearest arc;

(ii) 24 hours prior notice of any port call in New Zealand, including date, estimated time of arrival and name of port;

(iii) notice of any port departure in New Zealand within two hours of departure;

(iv) daily position reports while the vessel is in NZEEZ or the territorial sea, to be sent within two hours of noon, including position to the nearest minute of the arc; and

(v) prior notice of departure from the NZEEZ, including date and time of departure and position of departure to the nearest minute of the arc.

12. The FCC can be contacted by email at fcc@fish.govt.nz or fax +64 4 801 5381. All reports should include the name and international radio call signal of the vessel.

13. Copies of all data collected and reports prepared based on data collected in areas under New Zealand jurisdiction, or alternatively details of where such data and reports can be obtained will be submitted to the New Zealand Government, in a form acceptable to New Zealand, as soon as possible, and within a 12 month period, after the conclusion of the cruise. This information will be treated as public information and may be made available to New Zealanders via the internet unless another arrangement is reached with the New Zealand Government.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration."

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